

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-5. (cancelled)

6. (currently amended) An information recording apparatus comprising:

a writing device capable of writing record information onto an information recording medium comprising first and second recording layers;

a first controlling device for controlling said writing device (i) to continuously write the record information into the first recording layer and (ii) to write the record information into second recording layers, after the recording of the first recording layer is finished, while a recording direction is turned-around;

a second controlling device for controlling said writing device to write a predetermined amount of buffer data on both of (i) an outer circumferential side of the record information written in a area portion of the first recording layer at which the recording direction is turned-around and (ii) an outer circumferential side of the record information written in a area portion of second recording layers at which the recording direction is turned-around; and

a third controlling device for controlling said writing device to add buffer data on an outer circumferential side of the predetermined amount of buffer data.

7. (original) The information recording apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said second controlling device responds to a first border close instruction after the record information is recorded over the first and second recording layers.

8. (original) The information recording apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said third controlling device responds to a finalize instruction.

9. (currently amended) An information recording method in an information recording apparatus comprising: a writing device capable of writing record information onto an information recording medium comprising first and second recording layers,

said information recording method comprising:

a first controlling process of controlling said writing device (i) to ~~continuously~~ write the record information into the first recording layer and (ii) to write the record information into second recording layers, after the recording of the first recording layer is finished, while a recording direction is turned-around;

a second controlling process of controlling said writing device to write a predetermined amount of buffer data on both of (i) an outer circumferential side of the record information written in a area portion of the first recording layer at which the recording direction is turned-around and (ii) an outer circumferential side of the record information written in a area portion of second recording layers; and

a third controlling process of controlling said writing device to add buffer data on an outer circumferential side of the predetermined amount of buffer data.

10. (cancelled)

11. (new) The information recording apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said writing device includes single pick-up device.